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1. At 2:30 p.m. on 30 August 1952, five JS-3 tanks were unloaded by Volkspolizei (VP) supervised by Soviet officers at the Eggesin railroad station. *
2. About 10 a.m. on 31 August, 12 T-34/85 tanks were seen loaded on railroad cars at a siding of the Prenzlau freight station. Another 20 tanks of the same type were seen on the cart track and road to the freight station.
3. During the night of 25 August, 47 modern caterpillar tractors were being unloaded by VP in Pasewalk.
4. During the night of 3 September, 6 tanks and 6 special vehicles of undetermined type were unloaded by VPs in Prenzlau. Tanks arrived daily in Prenzlau and were handed over by Soviet soldiers to the VP. Most of the tanks were dispatched toward Bergen some days later. **
5. On 3 September, a shipment of 10 T-34/85 tanks escorted by VPs left the Prenzlau railroad station for Prora.
6. On 7 September, a rail shipment of 25 tanks was observed proceeding through Stralsund en route from the direction of Pasewalk toward Prora. In the afternoon of the same day, another such tank shipment was seen on the Ruegen Dam headed toward Prora. On 8 September, another shipment of 25 T-34/85 tanks proceeded through Stralsund bound for Ruegen Island.
7. About 9 a.m. on 6 September, a train loaded with about 20 T-34 tanks and VP escort personnel crossed the Ruegen Dam bound for Ruegen Island. At 11 a.m., a rail shipment of 20 field kitchens, 10 to 12 trucks and VP escort personnel was seen on the Dam also headed for Ruegon Island. The side boards of the trucks were marked by a white E in a white circle. About 2 p.m., a train of 15 flatcars loaded with 15 AT guns of about 80-mm caliber and 15 x 76.2-mm field guns and VP escort personnel crossed the Dam to Ruegen Island.

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8. On 7 September, [] observed a train loaded with sections of prefabricated houses and another train with T-34 tanks and VP escort personnel proceeding through Stralsund toward Ruegen Island. 50X1-HUM
9. About 11 p.m. on 8 September, a train of 20 boxcars, 14 flatcars and 6 passenger cars carrying light tanks, motorcycles and about 300 VPs was dispatched from Berlin-Pankow to Pasewalk. ***
10. About 9 a.m. on 6 September, a rail shipment of 25 to 30 T-34 tanks proceeded through Pasewalk toward Eggesin.
11. On 9 September, a train of 25 sealed boxcars, each of them with 2 tons, proceeded through Pasewalk toward Eggesin. [] the boxcars were loaded with new VP uniforms. 50X1-HUM
12. About 10 a.m. on 12 September, a train loaded with about 40 T-34 tanks proceeded through Pasewalk toward Eggesin. At 5:45 p.m., flatcars loaded with eight field kitchens were attached to the passenger train bound for Eggesin.
13. About 9 a.m. on 18 September, a train loaded with 30 T-34 tanks proceeded through Pasewalk en route from the direction of Berlin toward Eggesin.
14. On 12 September, a train loaded with 29 T-34 tanks and about 200 Volkspolizei personnel proceeded through Pasewalk en route from the direction of Angermuende toward Eggesin.

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- * [] Comment. [] Kasernierte Volkspolizei units are equipped with modern heavy tanks.
- ** [] Comment. [] half of the tanks dispatched from Prenzlau are sent to Ruegen Island, and the other half is forwarded to the Eggesin-Torgelow area. 50X1-HUM
- *** [] Comment. It is not clear whether these tanks were entrained in Pankow or whether the train just passed through Berlin. The composition and destination of the train indicate that a motorcycle battalion of the Armee Gruppe Nord was involved. 50X1-HUM

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